

Seniors and the Law



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Connecticut Judicial Branch
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G.A. No. 11 at Danielson Courthouse
Judicial District Courthouse
120 School Street
Danielson



Greetings

As the population ages, many complex issues confront our senior citizens as well as their families, friends and others who offer support and guidance.

A great deal of these issues involve matters of law from living wills to elder abuse and scams.

It is vital that we search for ways to assist seniors as they approach and live out their later years.

For this reason, the Connecticut Judicial Branch is pleased to announce an exciting event — *Seniors and the Law* — in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Consumer Protection and the Office of the Chief State's Attorney.



The purpose of this event is to provide senior citizens, their families and friends with access to reliable and objective information about significant issues confronting them.

We as citizens must do all we can to help ensure the future of our elders — a future filled with independence, security and dignity. We hope that you will join us in this very important event.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David M. Borden.

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Program

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 - 9:05 a.m. Introduction

Hon. Antonio C. Robaina
Administrative Judge
Windham Judicial District

9:05 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome

Judge William J. Lavery
Chief Court Administrator

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

How to protect your privacy
Find out how to protect important information such as social security, credit card and bank account numbers, and learn about privacy laws and what “opting out” means.

Attorney General
Richard Blumenthal

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Understanding utility service and your rights

Information will be offered about utility service, meter tests, payment arrangements, outages and local or in-state telephone service

Donna Devino, Outreach Coordinator
Joe Wood, Outreach Coordinator
Consumer Education
Department of Public Utility Control

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

How to defend against fraudulent practices

Avoiding unscrupulous individuals and their schemes to take your money

Commissioner Edwin R. Rodriguez
Department of Consumer Protection

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

What is elder abuse and how is it dealt with?

A discussion of the role of the Office of the Chief State’s Attorney in prosecuting cases of Medicaid fraud, physical abuse and financial exploitation of the elderly

Supervisory Assistant State’s Attorney John DeMattia
Division of Criminal Justice
Elder Services Bureau
Elder Abuse Unit

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Power of Attorney, Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, Living Will and Do Not Resuscitate Orders

Descriptions and definitions of each of these terms and a discussion of why and when each is appropriate

Judge James J. Lawlor
Probate Court Administrator

11:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Jury Duty

An overview of how jurors are selected and a discussion of options available to seniors

Attorney Karen A. Berris
Jury Administrator
Superior Court Operations

11:45 - 12:00 Noon
Volunteer Program

An overview of the program that provides opportunities for individuals to contribute to the state’s court system

Robyn N. Oliver
Program Manager
Volunteer & Intern Program

Seniors and the Law Registration Form

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You may also register via the
Internet at: www.jud.ct.gov

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please list legal issues of interest:

Are any special accommodations
needed? _____

For more information, please call:

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